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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson** 

Washington June 6th. 1811.

Dear Sir

Mr. Dortee mentioned in your favor of the 23d ulto. was furnished with a passport, and a packet of news papers was sent to the Collector at New York to be forwarded by him which it is presumed he will receive. It happened that there was no dispatch prepared at the time for our charges affrs. at Paris, or it would have been committed to his care. Important communications are expected by the Essex, and untill her arrival, little can be done or said in our concerns with either France or G Britain.

Bouchers Institutions commerciales was thought to belong to you. The President was under an impression that he had borrowed it from you, & it was forwarded it to you as the owner. If you find that it belongs to this departmt. As it must do, if it is not yours, you will be so good as to return it by the same conveyance.

The delay of the Essex subjects me to much embarrassment & concern. I hoped when I came here, to have got back to my family & my affrs. in a few weeks. After the arrival of the that vessel the presumption is that I may

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soon be spar'd to make such a visit. Abundant rains here have given a good face to the growing crop. I hope they have afforded us an opportunity to make a commenc'ment in that of our tobo. Very sincerely & respectively your friend & servant

Jas. Monroe

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